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## OBAMA MAKES HISTORY

BY ANGELA P. SMITH  
Staff Writer

On the final night of the Democratic National Convention, Sen. Barack Obama formally accepted his party's nomination to become the 44th President of the United States at Invesco Field in Denver.

In the open-air football stadium, over 75,000 people witnessed Obama's historic acceptance speech as the first African-American presidential candidate for a major party.

The junior senator from Illinois, who was officially nominated Wednesday night, shared his plan for change with an energetic crowd. The crowd consisted of Democratic delegates, leaders and celebrities embellished in Obama paraphernalia screaming "Obama" and "Yes, we can."

Before giving his speech, Obama thanked his wife and family and recognized Sen. Hillary Clinton for her landmark campaign for the presidency.

Once commander-in-chief, Obama promised to end the war in Iraq "responsi-

bly" and finish the fight against al Qaeda and the Taliban in Afghanistan.

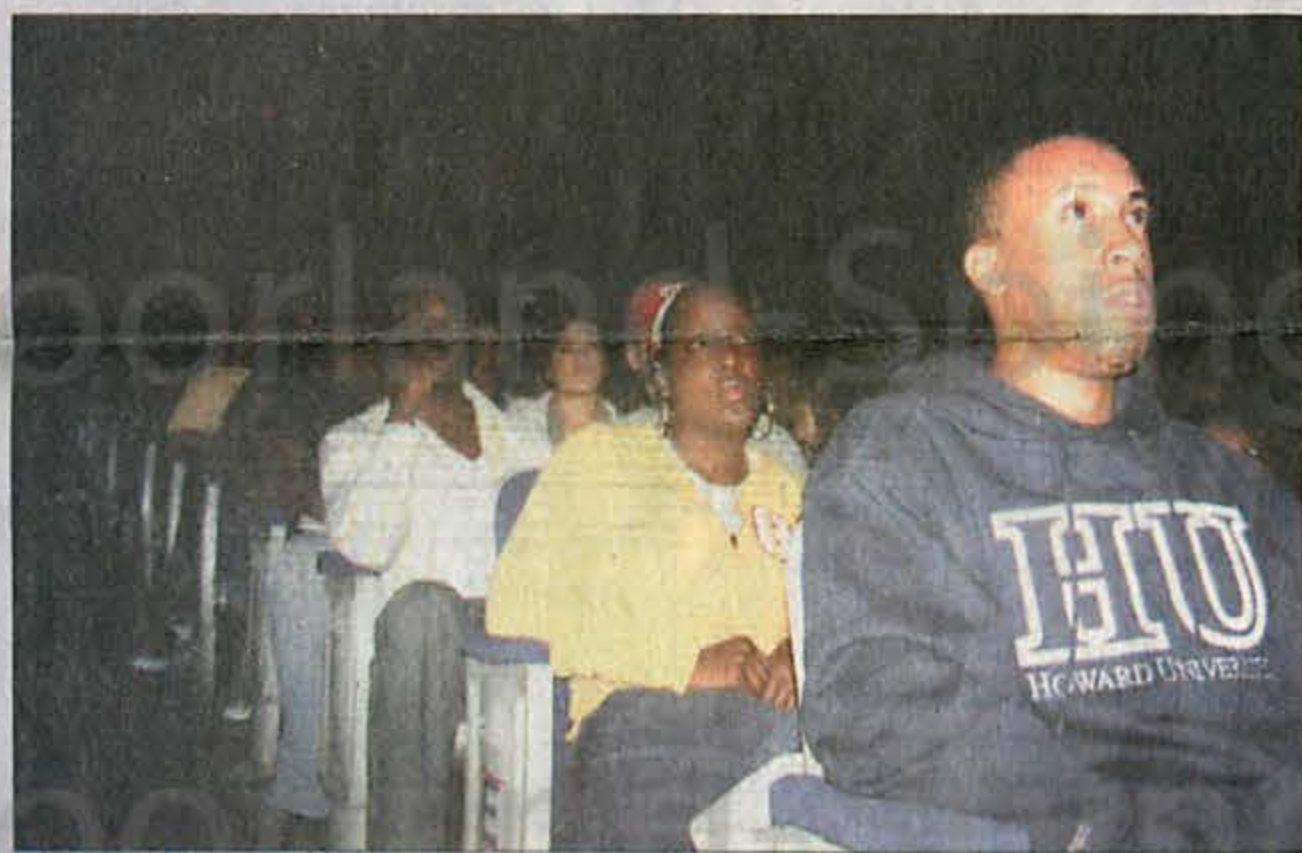
Obama then attacked the presumptive Republican nominee John McCain and the Bush Administration for "failing America." He also vowed to "cut taxes for 95 percent of all working families," to end dependence on oil in the Middle East and to improve education as well as the economy.

"We are the Party of Roosevelt. We are the Party of Kennedy. So don't tell me that Democrats won't defend this country. Don't tell me that Democrats won't keep us safe," Obama said. "The Bush-McCain foreign policy has squandered the legacy that generations of Americans — Democrats and Republicans — have built, and we are to restore that legacy."

But sophomore health management major Victoria Phifer believes that Obama may slightly alter his stances.

"I think he will try his best to keep his promises," Phifer said. "But he may change some of his policies to satisfy both parties."

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(Left) Howard students gathered in Cramton Auditorium to watch Sen. Barack Obama (above) formally accept the nomination as the Democratic candidate for President of the United States. Obama is the first African American to do so.

## Students Celebrate Historic Moment in Cramton

BY JESSICA LEWIS  
Staff Writer

"Remember where you were and what you were doing on this historic moment, on this historic night. You were at Howard University," said Julian Lewis, freshman political science major.

Hundreds of students gathered together on the historical day of Aug. 28, 2008, to hear Democratic Presidential Candidate Barack Obama deliver a message of hope to a generation that was not yet alive to hear the "I Have a Dream" speech delivered just 45 years earlier by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

In a move that has not been made since the nomination of President John F. Kennedy in 1960, Obama delivered his speech to thousands of Americans at Invesco Field in Denver, Colo.

At Howard, many more Americans absorbed his grassroots message of change with a loud roar of "Yes We Can."

Students sported shirts bearing the slogan and many more stood holding hand-made signs bearing Obama's name. Big or small, old or young, black or white, all students joined together in a harmonious melody of change as they yelled out "Obama!"

In the diverse audience was Republican student James Robinson, who said, "Although I am affiliated with the Republican Party, I am voting for Obama because the last four years have hurt my pocket and we can't afford another four."

He added, "I am here tonight because it is important to hear the next President of the United States speak."

Like Robinson, many attendees expressed their personal reasons for supporting the Democratic nominee.

"We were brought here by force, and now, now we're on top," said freshman sociology major Debra Samuels.

"We will be in control of the United States. I am voting for him because he is African American."

Sophomore accounting major Jamil Favor said, "[Obama] is paving the way for my future. And honestly — I hate Republicans — and he is real." Favor demonstrated the picture of Obama and wife, Michelle, dabbing hands to portray Obama's sincerity.

In a speech delivered before the students gathered, junior international business major, Jumaane Ponder, said, "There is a danger that we will see this as a defining moment in our history. When Barack Obama speaks about change to-

night, Barack Obama is speaking about you. We cannot see this moment as an isolated moment in our history."

Audience members were brought to their feet in a moment to honor the ones who came before Obama.

This event marks the first time in history that a black person will be nominated on a major-party ticket, and, this event marked the first time in Howard's history that students gathered to this large of a degree to watch the Democratic National Convention.

At the event the majority of the

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## Grassroots Organizations in the District Gear Up for November

BY NATALIE THOMPSON  
Metro Editor

Though there was much celebration last night as Barack Obama (D-Ill.) officially accepted the Democratic presidential nomination, grassroots organizations in the District are only beginning to brace themselves for the work ahead.

"We still have a lot of work to do," said Sonny Jackson, Chairman of Students for Obama. "We are working triple time to get that African-American youth vote. Just because you register people to vote, that doesn't mean that's going to translate into votes."

Jackson, who says he is now turning his campaign focus on registering high school students in the D.C. area, knows that though this year's race to the White House has generated an unprec-



(Left) Catherine Jones, a 2005 Howard graduate, and Georgina Owino, a D.C. for Obama volunteer, talk about the initiative. (Right) Eager Obama supporters await his historic acceptance speech at Bohemian Caverns in D.C.'s U Street area.

edented youth interest — 93 percent of non-college students ages 18 to 30 did not vote in the primary.

"Hillary had 18 million votes,"

Jackson said. "Barack Obama slightly beat her out. There has never been such participation. The only person to have more votes than Hillary Clinton is the



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person that beat her, and that's Barack Obama."

For Adam L. Barr, founder of campaign activist group, D.C. for

Obama, there is a general sense of excitement and eagerness to help Obama win the White House felt all throughout the District.

"I've worked in Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Maryland, D.C., Ohio, and South Carolina and people are more willing to volunteer here in D.C. than any other place that I've been," Barr said. "We have been able to send large numbers of volunteers to help states with voter registration. In two weekends we sent about 300 people to Ohio, we sent about 100 people to South Carolina."

The South Carolina primary was a dubbed "The Black Primary" by many critics because of the overwhelming number of African-American voters — more than 50 percent of the state. It

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# A How-to Guide for Mathematics

## Top Eight Ways to Make the Grade This Year

BY JESSICA LEWIS  
Staff Writer

To help improve student performance, the Chairman of the Mathematics Department, Abdul-Aziz Yakubu, Ph.D., gives this list of simple things that every student can do to survive math at Howard with an "A."

### Math Placement Exams

According to Yakubu, "Students, who are not placed correctly or who do not take the basic requirements, do not do well."

He stressed the importance of taking the "correct prerequisite," and says that he has the research to back his claims.

However, sophomore Alanna Wallace believes she made the right choice in skipping a math level.

Wallace skipped ahead to Pre-calculus, despite the placement exam suggesting she begin with College Algebra I.

"I think it was better that I started in Pre-calculus, because I didn't feel the need to take Algebra again since I took that back in middle school," Wallace said. "It basically would have been a waste of time for me."

Wallace is currently taking Calculus, and does not regret her decision. She believes that each student should take the level of math they know they are capable of doing.

### Practice, Practice, Practice

"Math classes need practice. It is not a coincidence that there are so many problems in your math textbook," Yakubu said.

Yakubu repeatedly emphasized the need to "not wait until the end to do the problems. Do as many as possible, as they are relevant to your course."

He said that the problems allow students to assess themselves as the course progresses, which subsequently allows the student to ask professors for help.

A Howard alumna who majored in economics and math, Makeda Murray, said, "The most important component of being a successful math student is practice, practice, practice."

Murray continued, "The same problem can take many forms and only practice can ensure you recognize what needs to be done."

Along those lines, Yakubu urges students to speak up in class and to not be shy. She advises students to ask for clarity when needed.

Wallace also advised students to use the online programs that come with the math books because it is really helpful for practicing problems and



For senior civil engineering major Alisha Buddle, several mathematics courses are required. For students who have trouble in their math courses, tutoring is available Monday through Friday in Room 109 in the Academic Support Building.

further explaining things that may not have been clear in class."

### Attend All Classes

"Although the university does not make attendance mandatory, as students, you have a better chance of doing well in class if you attend all of them and come on time," Yakubu said.

Attendance allows for students to receive all lessons, and build relationship with their professors.

Murray said, "I hated independent study. Math is about concepts and working out problems. The more classes you go to, the more examples of problems you see."

She added, "Face time makes a good impression and helps teachers evaluate your dedication, which plays a big role at the end of the semester."

### Faculty Interaction

According to Yakubu, students should think of their professors as a source of knowledge. Develop relationships with the faculty during their office hours as they are here to help you.

"Know your teacher's name," Murray said. "Go to the office hours if you need to, as soon as you need to. Make serious attempts to understand topics as soon as problems present themselves."

Outside of knowing your professor, Wallace suggests that students know which professors to take prior to taking the course.

"Most of the upperclassmen I talked to told me which professors to take because not all of them are good teachers. I should have asked about a 'Calc' professor," Wallace chuckled.

Yakubu says his department is full of a friendly staff that consists of real people eager to help students. He does not believe that his department has any "bad" teachers.

Still, Murray encourages students to ask other people's opinions of professors.

She said, "If you require a professor that does lots of problems in class, one that explains concepts well, or one who's regularly at his office during office hours, look for that."

Wallace also adds that students should take any advantage of extra credit opportunities that may be offered.

### Make use of Technology

According to Yakubu, supplement the knowledge learned inside the classroom with technology.

"The I-Lab has a program called 'Mathematica' that is very good at helping explain problems to students for those that may need extra help," Yakubu said.

### Grading Policy

Yakubu said all students should read the syllabus and know what the teachers expect ahead of time.

Yakubu said, "This includes knowing when the tests are going to occur, how many tests will be given

during the semester, how each section is weighted."

He added, "I cannot stress the importance enough of knowing your teacher's expectations ahead of time."

### Think Outside of the Box

Math can be used for things outside of a mathematics-related career. Richard Bayne, a professor in the Mathematics Department, discussed how math can be used to gain admissions into law school.

"Math forces you to think outside of the box and to address issues analytically," Bayne said. "Those skills can be used for anything."

### Tutoring

The math department offers a mathematics tutorial lab in the Academic Support Building, Room 109, Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., and Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Murray, who was a Math Lab employee, said this tutoring outlet is an "excellent resource for students who may be struggling or simply need to wrap their minds around a concept."

Murray still encourages students to be "proactive" and read the textbook in order to try to understand the material before going to the math lab.

She said, "Tutors are there to assist, but they are not professors who are required to teach you if you don't go to classes."

# ON THE SPOT!

## What has been your hardest class in college?



"Calculus; I didn't understand anything but I still passed."

-Barry Worthy,  
junior, political science



"Business Law; The book was big and there was a lot of content to remember and to study."

-Peter Ray-Okoye,  
senior, finance



"Judicial Process [required] a lot of reading and the professor had high expectations for every student."

-Nicole Chapman,  
senior, political science



"Law classes. The codes and trials are very hard to understand in France."

-Nicholas Brien,  
undecided exchange student

-Compiled by Eboni Farmer,  
Deputy Campus Editor

# Passion Helps Students to Decide Future

BY JESSICA LEWIS  
Staff Writer

Students often use the word "passion" when describing the reasons behind their choice of concentration.

Junior musical theater major Clinton Roane said his passion involves theater and performing arts.

"Musical theater is my passion," Roane said. "I love to perform."

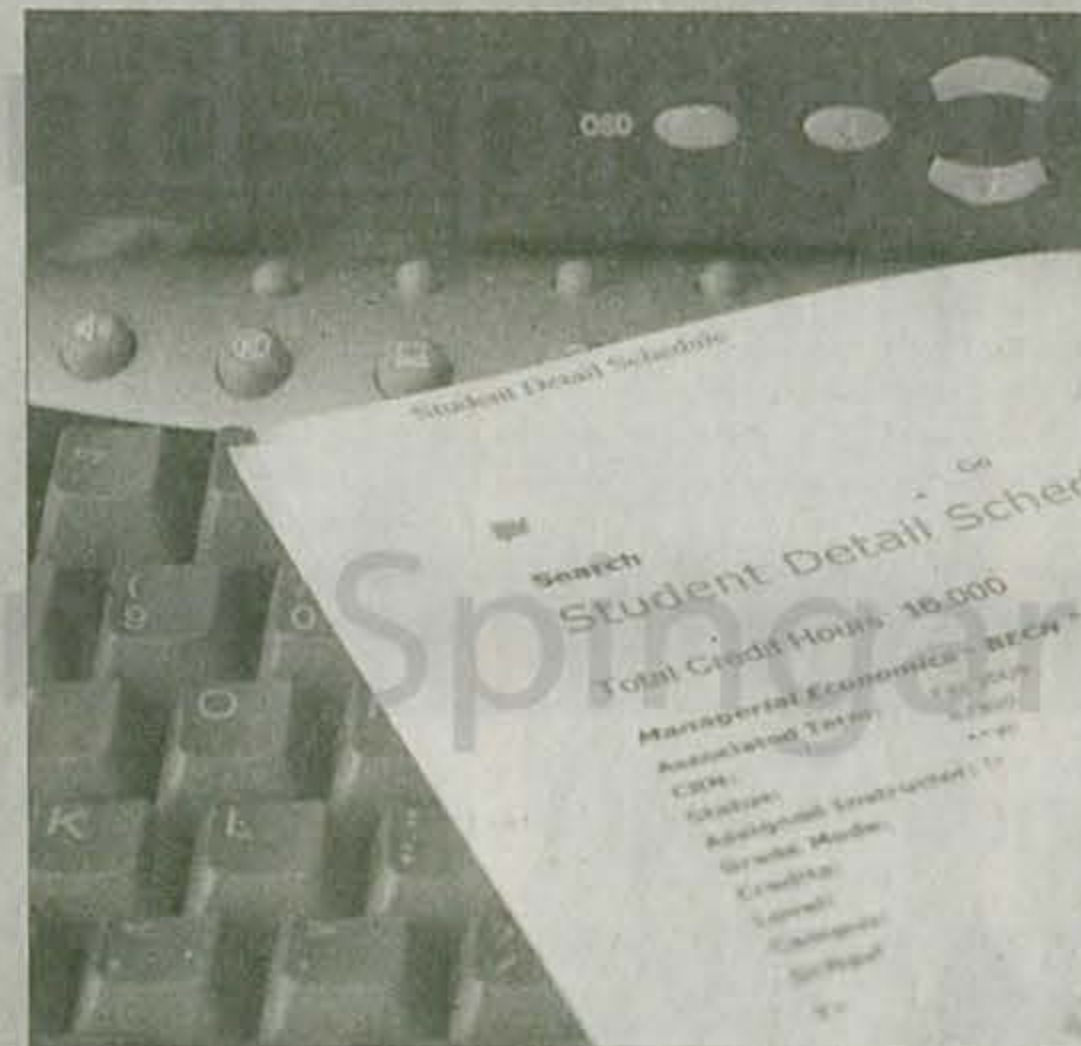
Sophomore psychology major Sheri Lamb said she chose her major because of her strong interest in the mind. "I like learning about the mind and the brain. It's interesting the way people think and the reasons behind why they do the things they do."

According to the Howard University Web site, a major is a series of courses, consisting of 24 to 39 credit hours, required for a concentration in a specific department. A minor is a combination of courses, usually 15 to 18 credit hours, taken to support the major or broaden one's perspective.

Not all students think about passion when choosing a career, however. Howard.edu suggests that, ultimately, when choosing a major, students decide which concentrations will get them where they want to be.

Certain occupations, depending on the salaries, tend to sometimes be in higher demand for students.

According to the Occupational Outlook Handbook (OOH), a career in law has an average annual



When choosing a major, some students consider their interests and passions. However, some students consider potential salaries and how fast they can achieve rank.

salary of \$60,000 nine months after graduation, while government jobs average about \$65,463 per year and are projected to decline by 4.6 percent over the 2006-16 period.

A job in teaching earns less than \$50,000 annually and has a projected growth of 11 percent, also as reported by the OOH.

However, according to sophomore history major Jalil Muhammad, "If money is the prime reason for your career choice, you won't be there for long."

Muhammad considered his

aspirations for graduate education when determining his concentration. For students who plan to attend law school, he advises that they "major in something [they] like so that [the] transition into law school would be easier."

The major of history itself is all-encompassing, according to Daryl Scott, Ph.D., chairman of the department of history.

"Everything is the province of history," Scott said. "History is a part of a broad, traditional liberal arts education. So students, who gradu-

ate with a history degree, can go into a wide range of fields from the law, to government services, to teaching, to business."

Muhammad aspires to be a criminal justice lawyer. He says he chose to be a secondary education minor because he wanted to "have something to fall back on."

The Howard Web site states that a student should "consider how [he or she feels] about attending graduate or professional school, which is a requirement for certain professions."

Roane has thought about graduate school as an option to her musical theater concentration, but says the decision comes down to money to pay for additional schooling since it is not a requirement for his career choice.

Most actors earn between \$8.47 and \$22.51 per hour, according to the OOH.

"I want to move to New York and pursue my interests after graduation," Roane said.

Roane does not have a minor and, according to Professor of Theater Denise Hart, theater students should not have a minor due to the demands of the major.

"Theater is a viable, reputable, honorable job," Hart said. "Career choices are vast. You can be an actor, writer, technical director, theater educator, producer, sound designer and so much more."

Sophomore accounting major

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# Howard Gathers for Obama Speech

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audience was able to fit into Cramton's lower level.

The combined effort of Howard University Student Association (HUSA), Ubiquity, Inc., Director of Cramton Steven Johnson, and Denise Thompson, manager of Cramton, made this event possible.

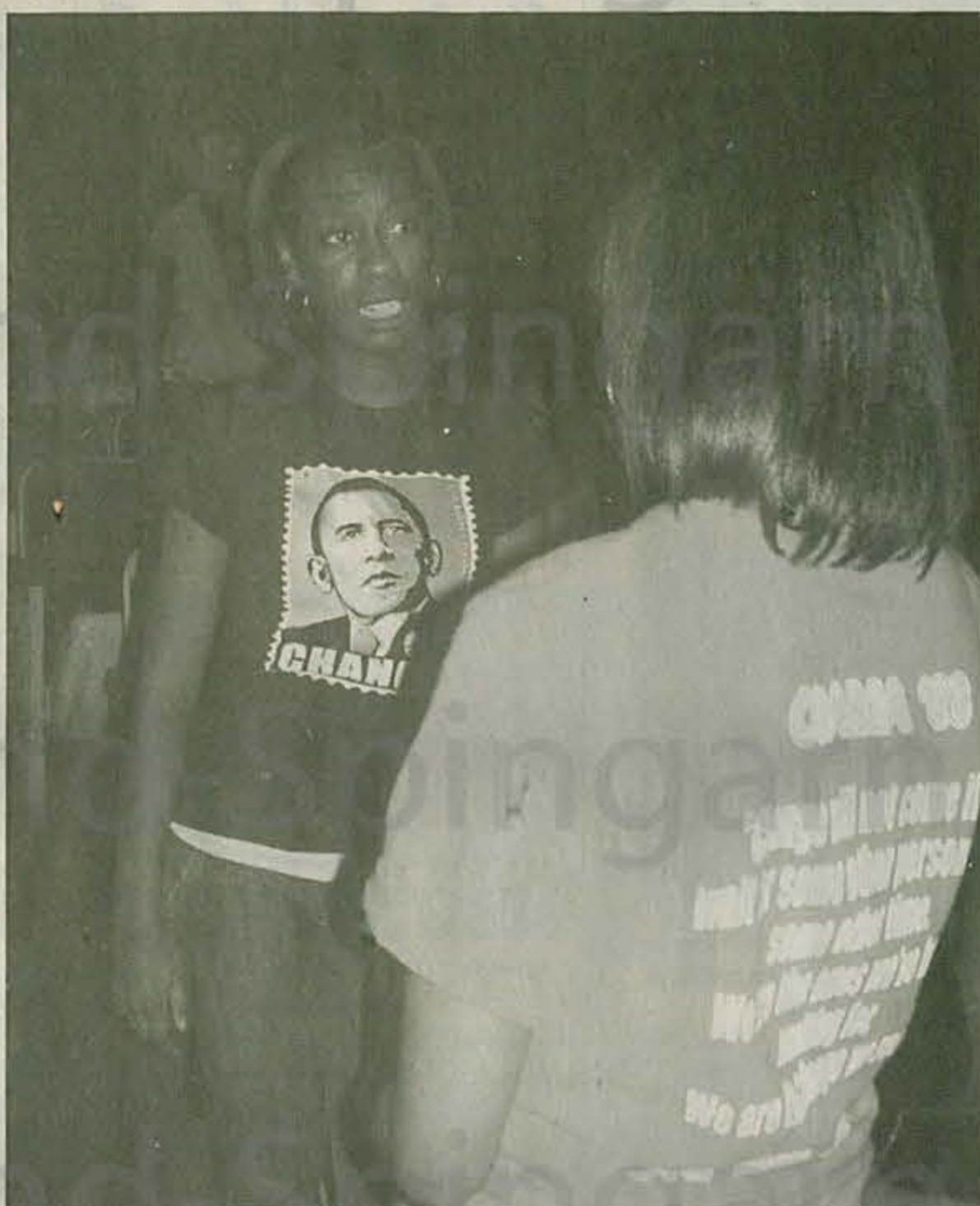
"I feel as a community we need to experience history together," said Nicholas Owen, HUSA President. "This has never been done before."

The evening did not go off without a hitch. But despite the technical difficulties, students danced and joined together as the speakers played T.I. and Soulja Boy.

Before it all, Owen revealed plans to go downtown on Jan. 20, 2009, to hear Obama's inaugural speech.

"We have work that still needs to be done," said Melech Thomas, junior speech and applied communications major. "Don't live in a strange land," Thomas added. "I feel it in my spirit that a change is about to come. I have a dream today, but I got to tell you something...that dream has come today. All we have to do is stand for something, stand for justice."

Thomas' own dream speech caused a standing ovation by almost every member of the audience that night as he too invoked a message of change.



Tyrone Clemens - Staff Photographer  
Erica Walker and Zuri Gracin discuss Obama's presidential nomination in Cramton.

# Interests Play 'Major' Role in College Success

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Jasmine Carpenter said, "[Accounting] was practical. It gives me a concrete foundation for a good job."

Carpenter's major also does not require her to choose a minor. But when choosing her major, Carpenter considered whether graduate school was a viable option.

"Even as an accounting undergraduate, you can do anything," said Carpenter who is enrolled in a five-year Master's of Business Administration program.

She continued, "Once I graduate,

I plan to get my CPA [Certified Public Accountant] and work for Wachovia [bank]."

Previously, Carpenter was a management major, but did not like the ideology of "working [her] way to the top."

She believes that "the School of Business focuses heavily on finance and accounting majors."

Chemistry professor and interim Chairman Dr. Folahan O. Ayorinde said, "Anything you want to do deals with chemistry. Chemistry is at the heart of science."

Ayorinde appoints medical, pharmacy and engineering school as areas to

strive for with this major.

In terms of career choices, Ayorinde said that students can do anything from teaching to working government jobs, such as the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

The Howard Web site advises that students discuss concerns with their advisors, faculty members or even counselors at the University Counseling Service or Career Services offices."

Both the University Counseling Service and the Career Services offices are located in the School of Communications.

# Obama Accepts Historic Democratic Nomination

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Preceding Obama's prime time speech, Democratic National Committee Chairman Howard Dean, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.), former Vice President Al Gore and Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.) offered talks.

As last night marked the 45th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s delivery of his renowned "I Have a Dream" speech, Lewis introduced the tribute for the slain civil rights leader.

"We must march again on November 4 like we never did before, to elect the next President of the United States, Sen. Barack Obama!" shouted Lewis, the lone survivor of the 10 people who spoke alongside King at the March on Washington 45 years ago.

TaShon Thomas, Harris County (Texas) Precinct Chair for the Democratic Party, finds the parallels between the lives of King and Obama significant.

"They both spoke of uniting the country against the current misguided ideals that led the government. They were also able to gain major support from the nation's youth, who also desired a change," said Thomas. "But Obama will be different in that he will get us to the mountaintop and lead us, finally, to glory."

The evening was a star-studded event with American Idol finalist and Academy Award winner Jennifer Hudson singing the national anthem and other musical performances by artists including Michael McDonald and Stevie Wonder.



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Guests watched Obama deliver his speech on two televisions at Bohemian Caverns.

# Local Obama Support Groups Unite to Pull in Votes Far, Wide

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was also the first primary in the South for the Democratic Party.

Obama's speech fell on the anniversary of another historical speech by a notable African American from the South. Forty-five years earlier, Martin Luther King, Jr. made his famous "I Have a Dream" speech to a considerably different crowd.

"The 60s were a time when people started opening up their eyes to the injustices that were going on. Martin Luther King, more than any other leader, was able to make people who had been callous see that there were definite injustices that needed to be corrected," Barr said.

The 1960s brought change for the nation, in both the Civil Rights Move-

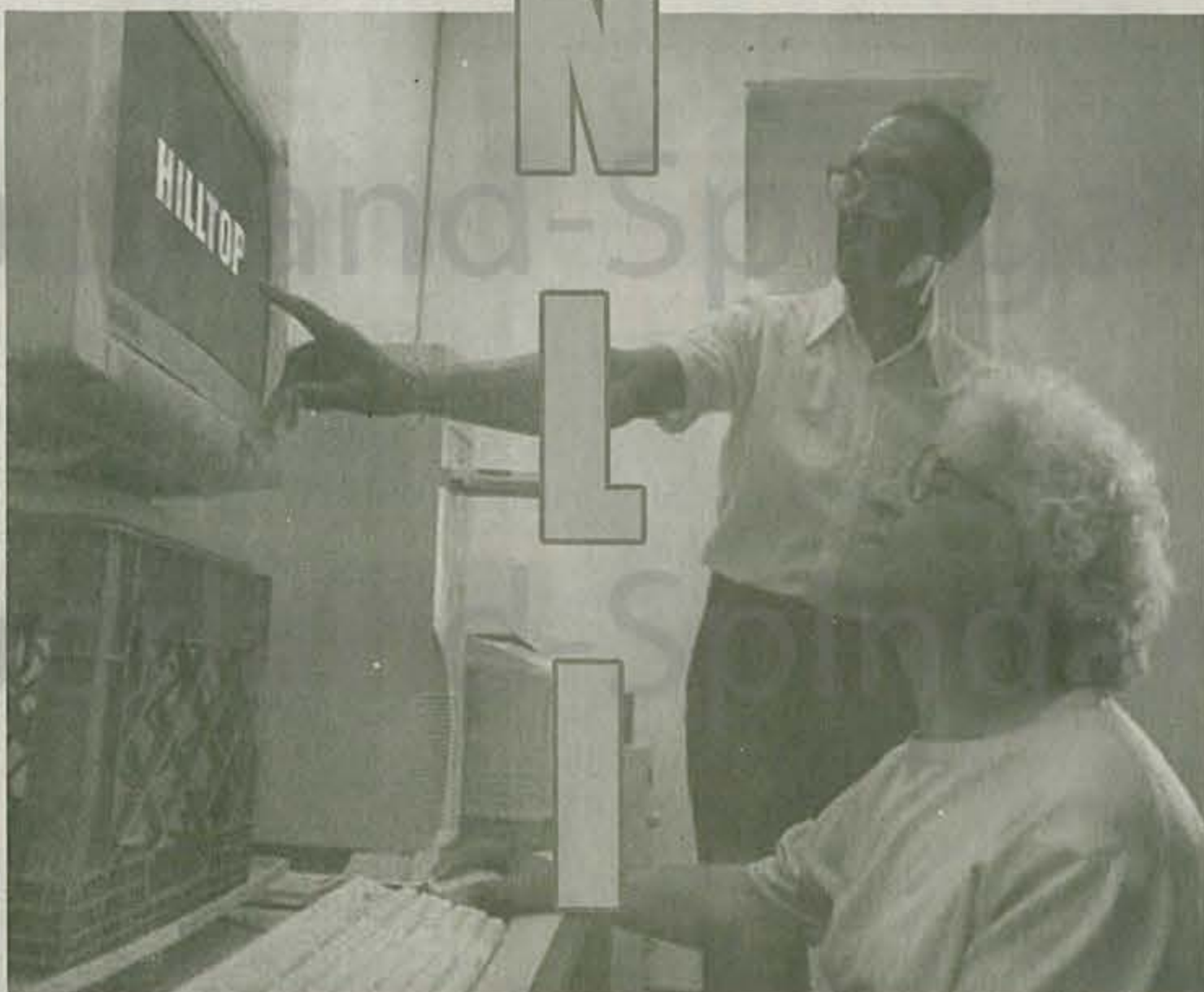
ment and in the reigning royal family of the United States. John F. Kennedy became the 35th U.S. President in 1961, and sparked a national love obsession with the Kennedy dynasty.

"Each night [of the Convention] you saw this building up from Teddy Kennedy and the Kennedys passing the torch. And then the Clintons, on both nights, saying, 'We support Obama,' and, 'It's Barack Obama's time,' and now The Obama family will be taking over," said Jackson.

Jackson and Barr both will be ensuring that Obama carries that torch into the next four years as they team up to begin the D.C. to Virginia Victory Initiative, which will deploy groups of volunteers to seven field stations in Virginia over a two month period. Jackson and Barr hope to turn the red state blue.

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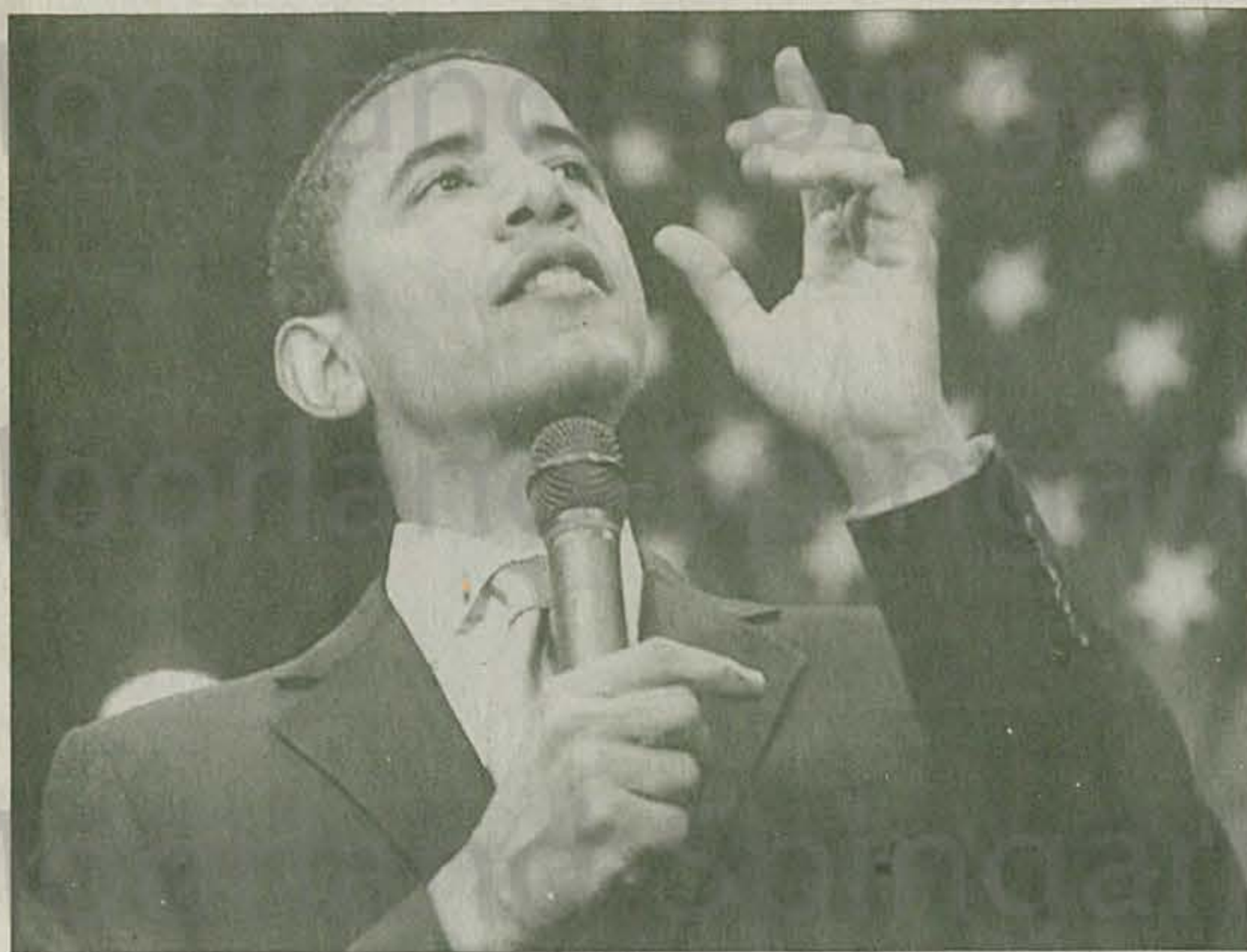


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The Democratic National Convention made history when Barack Obama became the first African American to accept a presidential nomination. Obama made his acceptance on the 45th anniversary of Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech.

## Democratic National Convention Makes History With Obama Bid

BY JADA F. SMITH  
Nation & World Editor

Last night brought about the end of one of the most historical events that many people will witness in their lifetime. Barack Obama accepted the democratic presidential nomination.

Each of the four days of the convention had a theme that coincided with the message of the night's speaker. Monday's theme was "One Nation" and featured Michelle Obama as the headlining speaker. Tuesday's theme was "Renewing America's Promise" and featured former potential Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton. Of the first two night's speeches, Houston based political analyst Ron Jackson said, "Up to now we've had Michelle Obama with the 'we are an American family, we are patriotic' speech. Then there was Hillary's 'we've made history but we have to get behind Obama', speech."

In Senator Clinton's message, she spoke directly to her most devoted supporters, telling them that a vote for Clinton now translates into a vote for Obama.

"I'm here tonight as a proud mother, as a proud democrat, as a proud senator from New York, a proud American and a proud supporter of Barack Obama," Clinton said as she spoke to a roaring crowd of enthusiastic party members.

"My friends, it is time to take back the country we love. And whether you voted for me or you voted for Barack, the time is now to unite as a single party with a single purpose," she said.

Some feel that Senator Clinton's speech acknowledged her own historical campaign, and was a crucial part of the convention.

Corey Briscoe, sophomore political science and English major, attended the DNC as a member of the Young Democrats of America and has never been more proud of the diversity exhibited by his party.

"Witnessing Hillary and Barack, we saw that we're a nation of change in the aspect that you don't have to be a white male to become whatever you want. Whatever ethnicity or gender you may be, you can achieve it in this day and age and that's the symbol we portrayed this week," Briscoe said.

On Wednesday night, Sen. Clinton's husband and former U.S. president, Bill Clinton, reinforced the theme of the evening, "Securing America's Future."

"I am here first to support Barack Obama, and second I am here to warm up the crowd for Joe Biden," Clinton said. "Clearly, the job of the next president is to rebuild the American dream and restore American leadership in the world...Barack Obama is the man for this job," said

president Clinton.

Securing America's future was an especially important topic concerning the Obama campaign because he has received criticism about his lack of experience in foreign relations. Because Vice Presidential nominee Joe Biden has more experience abroad, he spoke heavily about the need for a change in foreign policy from the current administration's global stance.

"The Bush foreign policy has dug us into a very deep hole with very few friends to help us climb out... this administration's policy has been an abysmal failure. America cannot afford four more years of this failure," Biden said.

Wrapping up the convention was the party's new leader, Barack Obama. Speaking on the anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s historic "I Have a Dream" speech, he spoke about his past experiences that have prepared him for his role as commander-in-chief, his values and the direction in which the country is headed. Foreign policy, energy and health care were also top priorities in his speech.

"Next week, in Minnesota, the same party that brought you two terms or George Bush and Dick Cheney will ask this country for a third," Obama said. "On Nov. 4, we must stand up and say: 'eight is enough.'"

## Cultural Understanding Gained in Study Abroad

BY JADA F. SMITH  
Nation & World Editor

Only one percent of students from the United States currently study abroad each year.

Alexandria Franklin, senior fashion merchandising major, spent the spring 2008 semester studying in Spain as a part of an exchange program through Howard University.

Her experience abroad was not only educationally and culturally rewarding, but it gave her a chance to accomplish one of her goals.

"After learning about studying abroad, it became my life time goal," she said.

In a poll conducted by the American Council on Education, 79 percent of people in the United States agree that students should have a study abroad experience sometime during college.

"I met so many interesting people and saw so many fantastic places. It has made me more adventurous and I now live for spontaneity. It has also made me aware of how many opportunities there are in this world," Franklin said.

In a 2006 U.S. Senate resolution, encouraging students to study abroad became a priority in the higher education system.

"Studying abroad exposes students from the United States to valuable global knowledge, cultural understanding and forms an integral part of their education," stated a passage in the Senate resolution.

Living in a different country requires both cultural and living adjustments, as well as coping with academic and social life outside of HU. For example, the Spanish culture recognizes a daily siesta, which is a short nap taken early in the afternoon.

"At first I hated the siesta because I was still on my American way of thinking that I need to be doing something at each hour of the day," Franklin said.

Adjusting to the social life in a foreign country was also a challenge for her.

"When I was deciding which semester I would leave Howard I thought

about all the events that I looked forward to going to every year, but I just realized that although I love being at Howard, we are only here for a short time and there is so much more to the world than Howard. I had to let myself experience this."

In the study abroad resolution, Senate acknowledges the value that global experience has on the future success of American students.

"Congress recognized through the Higher Education Act of 1965 that the security, stability and economic vitality of the United States in an increasingly complex global age depended largely upon having a globally competent citizenry and the availability of experts specializing in world regions, foreign languages and international affairs."

Not only is an understanding of the various cultures of the world important, but speaking a second language becomes increasingly vital for success in a global community. Studying in a country where English is not the national language, students have the opportunity to get hands-on experience in speaking a foreign language.

"The most difficult thing in class was understanding the professor, which became easier by the end of the semester. I wouldn't say that I am fluent now, because I don't believe anyone can be fluent in a language that they were not born into, but my Spanish has improved immensely and most importantly I am not afraid to speak which is key to learning a new language," Franklin said.

She also encourages students to explore the world through the study abroad program.

"This type of experience is so important to have. Studying abroad helps you reestablish what you already know about yourself and allows you to discover new things about yourself. You are able to identify with another culture and for the first time you are able to understand what it's like being a foreigner. Never before did I think about how 'foreigners' in the U.S. cope with American culture because I was in my comfort zone all my life."



Photo Courtesy of Alexandria Franklin

Though thousands of students consider studying abroad during their college career, only a small percentage actually spend time outside of the United States for academic advancement.

## How Well Do You Know Your ABC's?

*The U.S. government has a plethora of Administrative Agencies that execute specific functions in the nation, all expressed in acronym form. Think you can identify them all?*

### ACF (Administration for Children and Families)

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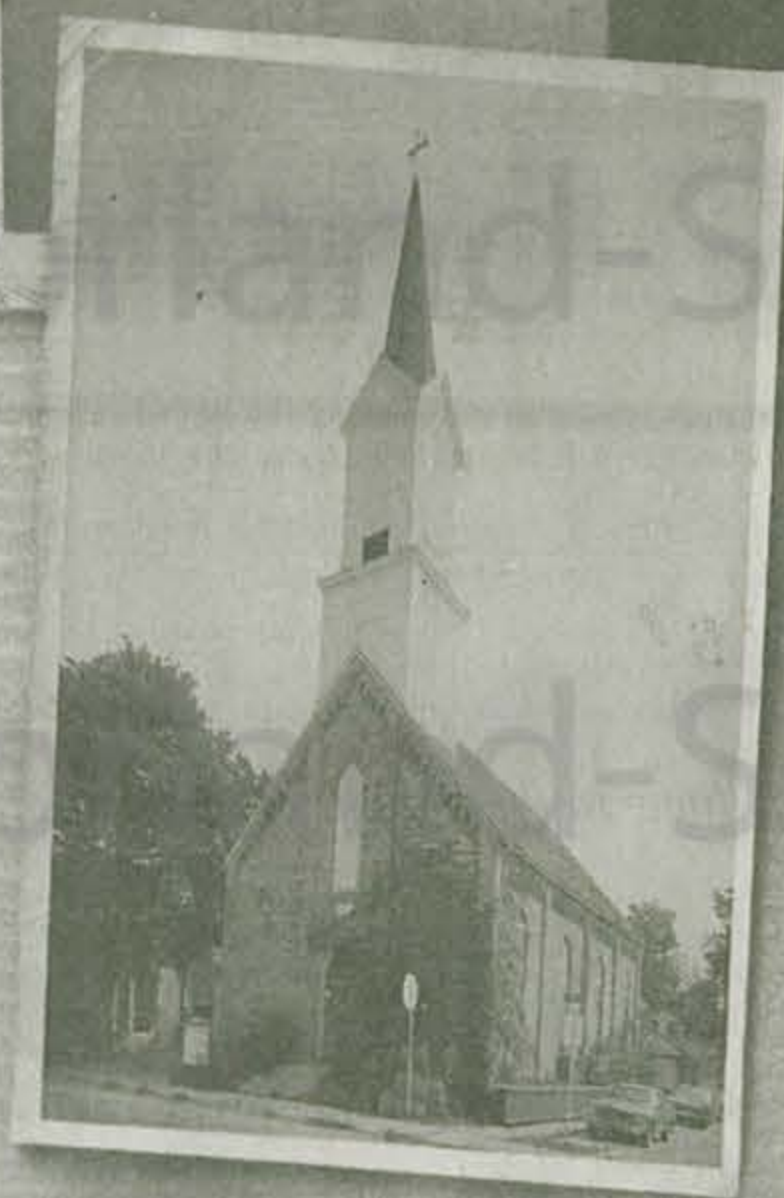
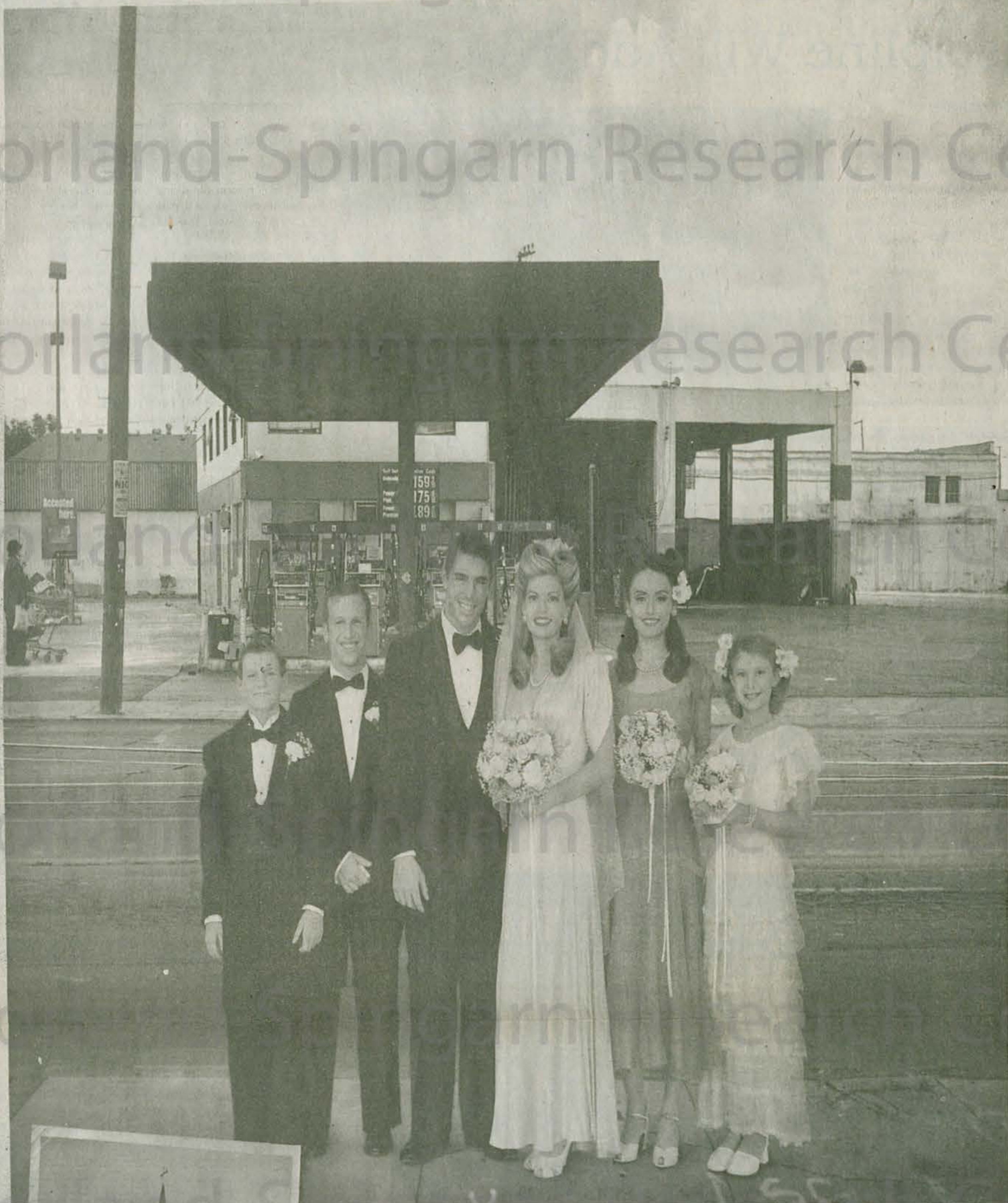
The United States ADF works on behalf of the American people to provide direct monetary support to African enterprises and community-based organizations. They help grassroots groups, campaigns and individuals in Africa by providing the additional funds they need to advance their efforts in promoting economic and social development.

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-Compiled by Jada F. Smith, Nation & World Editor





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# Men's Soccer Team Hopes Discipline Will Add Wins

BY DEONTAY MORRIS  
Sports Editor

This off season the Howard men's soccer team's head coach Michael Okoh was arrested; however, the team is looking to put all of the controversy behind them with new coach Michael Lawrence at the helm. Lawrence is a Howard alumni and former Bison soccer player. He hopes to return some of the luster that the soccer program once had.

"This year we are trying to get the guys to play together and as a team," Lawrence said. "Also we're going to have a strong emphasis on academics, I'm trying to change the culture of the team."

On Saturday August 23 the soccer team played a scrimmage against a Howard alumni soccer team. The current team lost the game 1-0, but Coach Lawrence was very pleased with the team's effort. He also noted that the team might have won the game had they not been fatigued from a practice earlier in the day.

"The team is coming along, we're making progress," Lawrence said. "Rome wasn't built in one day," Lawrence said jokingly.

Lawrence was a great player during his years at Howard, and he was named conference rookie of the year in 1996. Lawrence also played professionally in Belgium and Germany.

When asked what the biggest change is since he was a player at Howard he replied, "The commitment. It needs to get better. Once guys start to prepare and train properly the competitive spirit comes out."

This year the soccer team is looking for big years out of Captains Lamar Hyde, Robert Wesley and Guilherme Fouseca. Lawrence also stated that sophomore Matt Marshall has made



Coach Lawrence expects big accomplishments on and out the field from his new team.

tremendous strides this year and is a much improved player.

"This whole summer I stayed up here and I worked on my soccer and my footwork," Marshall said. "All of that work allowed me to stay in shape. Also this year I'm working on being a leader."

Marshall is very confident that Lawrence will lead the team in the right direction. Marshall said he brings a lot of creativity to the team, and he explains his ideas in ways that they can understand and use.

"We intend to be very disciplined and every one will know their responsibilities," Lawrence said. "Also I expect all of my players to be able to execute on and off the field."

On Friday at 5 p.m. the team will be opening up the season against American University at their campus as participants in the DC Cup tournament. On Sunday the Bison will take on George Washington at 1 p.m.

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## Meet The Coach Carey Bailey



Oscar Merida IV - Photo Editor

Football head coach Carey Bailey looks his upcoming season in the eye.

BY SHARON TAYLOR  
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Recently, *The Hilltop* sat down with head football coach Carey Bailey for an interview. Bailey has high expectations for his team this year. He is entering his second year as head coach.

**The Hilltop:** What should Bison fans expect to see from your team this year?

**Bailey:** I would have to say more consistency. When we first took over the program it was in disarray and that's saying it in a nice way. Players were lacking strength, conditioning and because of the 2.0 rule 24 good players couldn't practice.

So spring practice was like a skeleton and fall practice was not good as well. Once we hit the field it was a slow start then we picked up around September/October on offense.

This year the coaching staff has had a full year with the team which means a full year of conditioning. The team we have this year understands their responsibilities, not just as a player in this program but as a student as well. The offensive line is young but, our defense is solid.

Our quarterback is pleasing us and our kicking is more solid. The fans can really expect better ball control, better technique and fewer mistakes; especially when 4<sup>th</sup> quarter comes and its time for execution.

**The Hilltop:** How does the football team feel when it's 3rd quarter, they need the fans support to get through the game and the stands are empty?

**Bailey:** Well, I have to deal with what I can control. I mean the motto is if you don't win they don't come. To an athlete it is a different culture. When you are practicing for four hours a day sometimes more and on Saturday you have that one chance to perform and show off in front of your peers but no one is there it is discouraging.

Football is a performing sport. When you don't have the support of your peers then who are you performing for? Don't get me wrong I used to be a student myself so I do understand a child who is attending school on a scholarship and have to study or have to work. Then it becomes what is more important but, I don't care if there are 200 fans or one fan in the stands I will play until the whistle blows.

**The Hilltop:** How many players do you have returning and how many walk on's are there?

**Bailey:** We have about 40 returning players and 38 new players. Also we have 10 walk on players.

**The Hilltop:** What qualifications does a walk on need to have in order to earn a spot on the team?

**Bailey:** Production and trust! Myself and my coaching staff will not put any one on the field scholarship or no scholarship we cannot trust.

**The Hilltop:** What is the team motto?

**Bailey:** When much is given much is required. Just as famous wrestler Rick Flare once said, "If you wanna be the Boss you gotta pay the Cost." A road has to be taken and in taking this road of success you have to be willing to pay a small price of sacrifice to gain big.

**The Hilltop:** How do you feel about football as a sport?

**Bailey:** This is going to be a selfish answer. Football is the only sport that puts you through trials and tribulations. If taught properly it can teach you about life physically, emotionally and mental stress.

College teaches students how to network well, football teaches gentlemen how to network and trust. You have to learn how to trust the person you come in contact with.

Football also teaches you about life. It teaches you discipline. It also teaches the importance of being on time. Stress is created during practice so games are easy. Sometimes, that's how the work place will be stressful. I came from a program where the kids didn't know anything because everything was done for them. Picking classes, financial aid, everything. Here it is different because I teach the players to do it on their own then come back to me when things seem to fall apart.

**The Hilltop:** How do you feel about your coaching staff?

**Bailey:** We are a family. Everyone was here last year with me except one coach. The staff is made up of variety of strengths. We have ex professional players, championship rings and different divisions. They really are something to be proud of and I have had the opportunity of working with them.

**The Hilltop:** Who are your key players?

**Bailey:** Ford Haigler our quarter back and Endor Cooper our inside linebacker. These two are critical, as they go the team will go. The team is made up of guys who all play on different levels and where everyone can complement.

## SPORTS QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

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# Increase In City Crime Leaves Students to Question Safety

Washington, D.C. is a city full of life and home to some of the most historic monuments and buildings in the world.

Leading universities, museums, athletic facilities and shopping centers attract millions of tourists from all over the world each year. However, the District is no stranger to crime, especially in primarily black neighborhoods, and safety is a top concern for Howard students and their families when they first arrive in the city.

Students were warned about the dangerous locations, warning signs and proper safety precautions upon their arrival at Howard, but a recent increase in violent crime has left even those who protect the city to turn to desperate measures.

In an effort to cease the violence in neighborhoods police began to set up checkpoints in targeted areas such as Trinidad and stop cars so that those entering the

safety zones could prove that they lived in the neighborhood.

In addition to the safe zone initiative, the Supreme Court overturned a ban on gun

anyone who wants access to the main yard, dormitories and buildings will have no problem gaining entry.

This has always been a concern for those living on and around campus but the recent rise in brutality and the passing of the gun ownership legislation only heightens fear for those who are most vulnerable to crime: college students.

Although the university cannot control the violence within the city, it can increase safety precautions to ensure the safety of students while they are on campus.

The idea of having an open campus is appealing and does have its benefits. Visitors, media and others who travel to see the campus should be able to gain access to Howard; however, in the midst of such vicious activity, security should be augmented around the most vulnerable areas of the campus: the yard and the dormitories.

**Our View:**  
*Since the city's police officers have enhanced security across the city, Campus police should also take extra security precautions.*

ownership in D.C. This legislation will allow citizens to obtain a gun license and own a registered firearm. Our question is: Why would you legalize gun ownership when there is already a problem with violent crime in D.C.? On the other hand, those who have the intent to use a gun will use it with or without a license and those who wish to protect themselves will now be able to do so legally.

Howard University is an open campus. This means that

## Perspective Reinventing You

New beginnings. New chapters. A new you. Starting college is one of the biggest changes in a person's life. Stepping into anything that could be detrimental, ever-changing and/or valuable to a person's life can be overwhelming.

However, the person embarking upon these new journeys should maintain the same qualities that made them into the person that they were prior to this "new beginning"...this "new chapter".

The phrase "a new you" exists as nothing more than an oxymoron. Who you are should never contradict the unique and natural person you were born to be. Don't confuse growth with the phrase, "a new you", nor substitute the word growth with that same phrase. Everyone grows and everyone changes, voluntarily and involuntarily.

Those who grow and positively change for personal gain are subject to a profound happiness that is unattainable to anyone other than themselves. Those who grow but change for those around them may temporarily experience a false sense of happiness.

There's a distinct difference between changing who you

are for the better and changing who you are to please or impress others. As cliché as it may sound, nobody's made perfect.

Therefore, there's always room to improve who you are, mentally, emotionally and even physically. But these improvements should only be made to satisfy you and not to satisfy or fit in with those around you. Being you should come naturally and innately.

Of course, being in different environments and around a new plethora of people may pressure one to subconsciously change things about oneself. It may be small or large but you must never forget who you are. Even through the transition of bettering yourself for yourself, you should never steer too far from what you feel is truly you and who you are capable of being.

Displaying a false persona is more easily noticed than displaying one that is authentic. A simple example: you know you are not a smoker, but you surround yourself with people that smoke. Hence, wanting to fit in, you attempt to smoke along with them. However, it becomes quite obvious that you're not a smoker be-

cause every time you take a puff, you choke and cough. BE YOU.

Or let's speak on something closer to home. At Howard University, fashion and style, in the eyes of many who attend here, are looked at and held at the same level of importance as class and grades. With the crazy amount of people that use the yard as a runway and treat going to class as going on a "go-see", that leaves pressure on those that are not fashionably inclined, and even those who are.

In no sense am I reflecting the unique fashion sense at Howard with a negative connotation. I am more so exemplifying how this is yet another avenue for people to deliver false personas and 'reinvent' themselves. BE YOU.

Whatever the aspect or situation in life, simply be you. Just because you're new to an environment it is not necessary for you to step out with the "new you". Be you, and leave the reinventing to those who aren't confident in themselves.

- Chardae Williams  
Freshman, sociology major

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